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Military Installations in the Trans-Caucasus MD

Town	Date	Source and Employment	Installation	Location	Occupation
25X1 Tbilisi (N41-42, E44-45).	To March 1950.	[ ] who once marched past the instal- lation on the way from the prison to the main railroad station.	Barracks installation consisting of one large, modern, four-story build- ing and a courtyard with garages, vehicle storage sheds, etc., at the rear.	Northern sector of the city, about 500 meters southwest of the main railroad station.	Numerous tanks of various models and a large number of trucks and other motor vehicles were observed in the courtyard.
Rustavi (N42-17, E43-51).	To April 1950.	Observed the installations from a nearby place of work.	Billeting area of sev- eral wooden cantonment buildings and tents.  Tent camp.	Northwestern peri- meter of the city, near the airfield (N41-31, E45-03).  North of the bil- leting area men- tioned above and west of an airfield.	Occupied to capacity by a motorized engineer unit. The soldiers wore black epaulets.  At least 80 tanks of various models were stored on a parking lot north of the occupied tents.
25X1 Mtskheta (N41-51, E44-43).	Prior to January 1948.	[ ] who picked up ex- plosives for road construc- tion.	Ammunition depot con- sisting of several hundred bunkers about 25 meters long, the interior heights of which were about 3.5 meters. They were lighted electrically. In addition there was one low wooden build- ing.	East of the village, on the eastern bank of the Aragva River, in an orchard.	Explosives of various types were picked up at an unidentified number of the bunkers located in the ammunition depot. Medium artillery am- munition and fixed ammunition of 70 to 80 mm was observed being loaded onto vehicles at other bunkers. Source, who wore civilian clothes, heard from Soviet soldiers that the installation was the largest ammunition depot in the Trans-Caucasus area.

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Kirovobad  
(Nh0-41,  
Eh6-22).

To fall  
1949.

[ ] who  
observed the in-  
stallations on  
regular drives  
from Mingeaur  
(Nh0-48, Eh7-01)  
to Kirovobad.

Barracks installation,  
with a street frontage  
of about 1.5 km, con-  
sisting of several  
four-story brick build-  
ings about 60x25 meters.  
All were enclosed by a  
wall and a wire fence,  
and were served by a  
railroad spur.

About 500 meters  
east of the town,  
on the south side  
of the road to  
Mingeaur.

Occupied by a tank unit whose size was esti-  
mated as at least one regiment. A storage  
area for the vehicles used by the unit was  
located in the eastern section of the instal-  
lation. In it were stored a large number of  
trucks and more than a hundred (mostly armored)  
vehicles.

Storage area.

Bordering on the  
barracks instal-  
lation to the  
west.

Stored were 800 to 1,000 vehicles, an un-  
identified number of which were covered with  
canvas, including at least 500 tanks, armored  
reconnaissance cars, and SP guns.

Fuel depot.

Adjoining the tank  
storage area to  
the south.

Several hundred fuel drums, which were approxi-  
mately the size of the tanks mounted on tank  
cars, were stored under shed roofs.

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Baku  
(Nh0-25,  
Eh9-50).

To mid-  
1949.

[ ] who  
did construction  
work in the city.

Barracks installation  
consisting of two  
large, rectangular,  
three-story, brick  
buildings; one brick  
building, about 150  
meters long; and an  
unidentified number  
of minor structures.

Southwestern peri-  
meter of the city,  
on the north side  
of a thoroughfare,  
on whose south side  
an electric power  
plant was located.

Occupied by an MVD unit whose size was not  
identified.

To March  
1949.

Working in the  
installation as  
a laborer.

Motor vehicle repair  
shop consisting of a  
guardhouse, an admin-  
istration building,  
billetts, a kitchen, a  
storehouse, a large  
assembly shop with

Southwestern peri-  
meter of the city  
and south of the  
southwestbound  
thoroughfare; the  
barracks install-  
ation mentioned

The repair shop was referred to as the MVD  
Zavod. One MVD Captain Belay (fnu) (phonetic  
spelling) was in charge of the installation.  
The labor force included about 180 MVD troops  
and 50 PWs. The mission of the repair shop  
was to overhaul motor vehicles of the MVD  
units of the Baku post. The overhauling

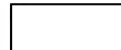
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			special workshops, an electric shop, a machine shop, and a motor vehicle washing plant; enclosed by a wall, 2.5 meters high, with four watchtowers.	above was located on the thoroughfare.	capacity of the installation was estimated at 90 to 100 engines. The number of the vehicles taken to the repair shop to be overhauled there fluctuated greatly.
25X1	Up to early 1948.	[ ] who frequently picked up rations.	Ration supply depot which extended about 1,000 meters along the railroad line. It consisted of a large number of storehouses about 50 meters long, arranged in several lines and equipped with ramps and railroad spurs; and enclosed by a barbed-wire fence with watchtowers.	About 5 km north-northwest of the city and south of the Baladzhary freight station.	Foodstuffs of various types were observed. They were distributed to army units and PWs. The installation was guarded by soldiers.
25X1	Kutaisi (N42-15, E42-40).	Up to August 1949.	[ ] who entered the installation on ration supply runs.	Barracks installation consisting of one four-story, brick building, about 150 meters long; one garage; two stables; one equipment storehouse; and one athletic field.	Western sector of the city, about 100 meters north-west of the southern bridge over the Rion River.
25X1	Gagry (N43-20, E40-15).	Up to October 1948.	[ ] who worked in the town.	Barracks installation enclosed by a board fence 2 meters high, and a wall.	Southern sector of the town, on the east side of the street along the shore.
					Occupied by a unit of far more than 1,000 men. The only weapons observed were rifles and submachine guns.
					Occupied by a tank unit of unidentified size. JS tanks and trucks were observed several times in and around the installation.

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Barracks installation, enclosed by a board fence, 2 meters high, and a wall.

Northern sector of the town, on the street along the shore, directly south of a small rivulet running into the Black Sea.

Occupied by a border guard unit. The only weapons observed were rifles and submachine guns. An unidentified number of trucks were parked in the installation.

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